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Annual Report

of the

TOWN

of

DORCHESTER

New Hampshire

Year Ending Feb. 15, 1915.

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OF THE


Town Officers

OF

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Year Ending February 15, 1915.

Valuation:

Improved and Unimproved lands and build-ings	\$182,549 00
Horses 100	12,695 00
Oxen 10	800 00
Cows 129	5,063 00
Sheep 45	185 00
Neat Stock 21	698 00
Fowls	110 00
Vehicles and Automobiles	934 00
Portable Mills 2	1,130 00
Wood lumber, etc., not stock in trade	5,500 00
Money on hand at interest or on deposit	662 00
Stock in trade	1,284 00
Mills and machinery	1,000 00
Total valuation	<u>\$212,610 00</u>

Polls 69, taxes	\$ 138 00
Soldiers' exemption	1,788 00
Land planted to pine trees 90% value exempted	194 00

ASSESSMENTS.

Town Charges	\$800 00
Highways	800 00
Schoolcraft Bridge	200 00
Town Debt	500 00
Maintenance Fund	50 00
State Tax	344 00
County Tax	231 56
Joint Fund	306 00

School money voted	500 00
Repairs on school houses	50 00
Officers' salaries	60 00
Books and supplies	75 00
School money by law	322 50
High school tuition	160 00
Overlay	12 40
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Total assessment	\$4,411 46
Rate per cent on \$100—\$2.01.	

RECEIPTS.

From	
Highway dept.	\$20 36
Highway dept.	11 25
Highway dept.	100 00
Highway dept.	100 00
State bounty on hedgehogs	63 00
State treasurer, R. R. tax	6 55
State treasurer, savings bank tax	129 40
State treasurer, literary fund	44 22
State treasurer, proportion school fund	290 33
Highway dept.	15 72
Highway dept.	193 35
Henry M. Merrill, cement	7 44
Grafton county	46 45
Forest fire dept.	41 21
Waldo Bros., cement bags returned	54 70
Grafton county	12 00
Borrowed on notes	600 00
John Quimby, use of town hall	5 00
Town clerk, dog license	63 00
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Total	\$1,803 98

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid	
Charles E. Cooper, county tax	\$231 56
George E. Farrand, state tax	344 00
On notes	658 17
H. H. Ashley, road agent, highway money	1,181 08
Schoolcraft Bridge	833 36

Joint Fund	715 87
H. H. Clough, school treasurer	1502 05
Bounty on Hedgehogs	89 40
Support county paupers	79 50

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid	
C. E. Hazen, auditor	\$1 50
F. W. Burnham, auditor	1 50
Thomas Johnston, 2nd, selectman, bal. 1913	2 00
C. E. Hazen, supervisor	11 25
George W. Rowen, selectman	49 42
George N. Burnham, selectman	37 83
Henry M. Merrill, selectman	32 84
George W. Rowen, fire warden	6 00
George N. Burnham, overseer of poor	10 04
P. A. Benton, supervisor	6 75
Dana Tibbetts, supervisor	3 00
Isaac D. Walker, dog constable	3 00
Isaac D. Walker, town constable	3 00
Henry M. Merrill, town clerk	20 00
Heber Ashley, ballot clerk	1 50
C. E. LeBrun, ballot clerk	1 50
J. T. Hanley, constable	3 00
H. H. Schoolcraft, ballot clerk	3 00
Leon H. Merrill, ballot clerk	3 00
Frank A. Burt, ballot clerk	1 50
Fay C. Bean, ballot clerk	1 50
H. H. Ashley, moderator primary and election	4 00
A. H. Schoolcraft, Board Health and postage	2 50
H. H. Clough, treasurer	20 00
A. H. Schoolcraft, collector	65 40
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Total	\$295 03

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid	
Edson C. Eastman, books and supplies	\$5 79
P. A. Benton, trip to Concord	7 95
George N. Burnham, express	50
George W. Rowen, moth work	4 00
Towne & Robie, printing reports	25 20
O. L. Smith, fighting fire	88

A. H. Schoolcraft, moth work	5 60
Henry M. Merrill, moth work	5 00
George W. Rowen, money paid for fighting fire	9 71
George W. Rowen, forest fire pay roll	59 33
Standard Scale & Supply Co., cement mixer	100 00
George N. Burnham, freight, etc.	8 00
J. B. Varick Co., tools	24 99
Burt Bros., lumber and use of pump	58 82
A. T. O'Brien, fighting and watching fire	7 70
George W. Rowen, forest fire pay roll	58 29
Dana Tibbetts, supporting water trough	2 00
F. A. Bogardus, return of births and deaths	1 75
H. M. Merrill, postage	1 12
John Quimby, care of town hall, 2 years	4 00
S. Fraser, return of births and deaths	1 50
Emma J. Bickford, return of birth	25
George W. Rowen, postage	2 00
H. H. Palmer, return of death	25
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Total	\$394 63

We, the undersigned, having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Road Agent, Overseer of the Poor, Collector of the Town of Dorchester, for the year ending February 15, 1915, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

HARRISON H. NOYES,
FRANK A. BURT,

Auditors.

SCHOOLCRAFT BRIDGE

Received of town	\$833 36
Received from Road Agent, regular highway appropriation	284 53
	<u>\$1,117 89</u>
Paid	
A. J. Bickford, labor	\$11 00
A. W. Ashley, labor	10 00
H. H. Ashley, freight on cement bags and cord	2 00
Preston Bickford, labor	10 06
Preston Bickford, labor	1 75
A. J. Bickford, labor	37 62
Isaac D. Walker, labor	12 25
Percy Ashley, labor	1 31
George Ashley, labor	6 13
C. M. Palmer, labor	4 00
Henry M. Merrill, labor	7 00
Leon H. Merrill, labor	1 31
Charlie Ashley, labor	1 15
A. M. Freeman, wire	4 80
Herbert H. Ashley, labor	96 14
Joseph LeBrun, labor	1 75
C. F. Brown, nails	35
C. E. LeBrun, Jr., tending lights	1 00
John S. Motts, labor	16 09
Charlie Carter, labor	3 50
Adolph W. Delsart, labor	5 25,

Henry F. Delsart	5 25
Alfred W. Ashley, labor	33 38
Bert Ashley, labor	1 00
Z. G. Taylor, gravel bank and labor	14 35
George N. Burnham, labor and gasoline	36 25
Boston & Maine, freight on cement	3 64
W. D. Stimson, bridge plank	25 43
Burt Bros., labor and sawing plank	23 50
Fay Bean, labor	6 00
Dana Tibbetts, labor	4 38
A. H. Schoolcraft, labor	28 47
O. E. Schoolcraft, labor	16 19
Allen H. Schoolcraft, labor	25 28
George W. Rowen, labor	25 38
George W. Rowen, labor	90
Ernest Hanley, labor	30
Waldo Bros., cement	195 00
United Construction Co., bridge	338 33
Boston & Maine R. R., freight on cement	65 20
George C. Craig, cement	35 20
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Total	\$1,117 89
Cr. cement bags	54 70
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Total cost of bridge	\$1,063 19

At a special Town meeting it was voted to apply the money raised to pay on the town debt toward building the bridge, the balance of the cost to be taken from the regular highway appropriation and town charges. The Selectmen were authorized to expend the same and submit their report.

GEORGE W. ROWEN,
 GEORGE N. BURNHAM,
 HENRY M. MERRILL,
 Selectmen of Dorchester.

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR

Receipts.

Received of Selectmen \$79 50

Expenditures.

Paid for county support

Helen M. Merrill, goods for W. A. Motts	\$6 00
F. A. Bogardus, medical atten'nce W. A. Motts	6 00
H. B. Stevens, casket for Mrs. Holmes	20 00
Beal & Hartwell, goods for Fred Holmes	3 38
M. A. Batchelder, goods for Fred Holmes	19 49
G. N. Burnham, carfare in Holmes case	1 08
S. Fraser, medical attendance Mrs. Holmes	2 50
C. F. Brown, goods for Fred Holmes	5 00
G. N. Burnham car fare and expense taking Michael Doherty to county farm	6 05
Ned B. Smith, goods for Frank Harris	10 00
	—————\$79 50

Received from Grafton county and paid
 treasurer \$58 45

Due from Grafton county, Feb. 15, 1915 21 05

—————\$79 50

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE N. BURNHAM,
Overseer of Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts.

Cash on hand, February 15, 1914	\$165 22
Received of Selectmen	1,803 98
Received of A. H. Schoolcraft, collector	4,361 83
Received of town clerk candidates fees	6 00
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	\$6,337 03

Expenditures.

Paid by order from Selectmen	\$6,324 67
Paid outstanding order 1913 and 1914	9 00
Cash on hand	3 36
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	\$6,337 03

Respectfully submitted,
HAZEN H. CLOUGH
Treasurer

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1914 Assessment		\$4,411 64
Collected and paid treasurer	4,119 93	
Balance due, February 15, 1915	291 71	
	<hr/>	\$4,411 64

Balance due on 1913 assessment		\$246 18
Collected and paid treasurer	233 18	
Balance due February 15, 1915	13 00	
	<hr/>	\$246 18

Balance due on 1911 assessment, February 15, 1914		\$8 32
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Interest collected and paid treasurer		\$8 72
Total collected and paid treasurer		\$4,361 83

Respectfully submitted,

AZRO H. SCHOOLCRAFT,
Collector,

State of New Hampshire
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Statement of Maintenance Account.

Date, Feb. 9, 1915	Town, Dorchester.	
State contribution	\$50 37	
Town contribution	50 00	
Total maintenance fund	—————	\$100 37
State disbursements	3 04	
Town disbursements	97 33	
State to town, June 26	20 36	
State to town, Sept. 11	11 25	
State to town, Nov. 25	15 72	
Town disbursements charged town	50 00	
State disbursements	50 37	
‡Balance in state treasury		
‡Balance in town treasury		

‡The balances in state and town treasuries remain for future expenditure.

S. PERCY HOOKER,
State Superintendent of Hghways.
Per C. C. Howe

Statement of Joint Fund Account.

Date, Jan. 29, 1915	Town, Dorchester.	
State contribution	\$397 15	
Town contribution	318 74	
Total Joint Fund	—————	\$715 89
State disbursements	3 80	
Town disbursements, approved	716 65	
Total disbursements	—————	\$720 45

Paid by state to town, Oct. 16	100 00
Paid by state to town, Oct. 30	100 00
Paid by state to town, Dec. 11	193 35
Balance in state treasury	
†Balance in town treasury	
Total unexpended balance	
Overdraft	4 56

†The balance in the town treasury remains for future expenditure in accordance with Chapter 35, Laws of 1905, and the regulations adopted by the governor and council.

S. PERCY HOOKER,
 State Superintendent of Highways.
 Per C. C. Howe.

HIGHWAY JOINT FUND

Receipts.

Received from	
Town Joint fund, 1914	\$688 50
Balance from last year	27 39
A. W. Ashley, cement sold	1 50
P. C. Allen, cement sold	25
S. D. Burley, dynamite caps and fuse	86
Jesse B. Reed, 1 shovel sold	88
James Perreault, 1 shovel sold	88
H. M. Merrill, 1 shovel sold	88
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	\$721.14

Expenditures.

Paid	
Z. G. Taylor, carting dynamite	\$1 50
F. E. Harris, labor	25 02
C. M. Palmer, labor	24 00
Leon H. Merrill, labor	9 63
L. J. Goss, labor	5 25
W. A. Motts, labor	5 25
Percy Ashley, labor	31 50
H. H. Noyes, labor	18 38
Joseph LeBrun, labor	31 50
George T. Ray, carting tools to and from bl'ks'th shop	2 00
H. U. Colburn, freight on culverts	2 53
Isaac D. Walker, labor	27 13
Frank Martin, labor	24 07
J. S. Motts, labor	22 32
Thomas Johnston, sharpening tools	3 50
Russell Noyes, labor and freight paid	1 25
Dana Tibbetts, labor	12 25

Jesse B. Reed, labor	37 63
Henry Delsart, labor	31 50
Adolph Delsart, labor	15 75
Charles Carter, labor	17 50
Caryle Carter, labor	8 75
Wilfred Blain, labor	14 00
H. H. Ashley, labor	46 00
A. H. Schoolcraft, labor	3 50
James Perreault, labor	10 50
Alfred Ashley, labor	16 00
Burt Bros., labor	8 00
George W. Crain, labor	3 00
Frank G. Smith, tools and freight	9 45
North East Metal Culvert Co., culverts	75 60
George W. Rowen, selectmen for cement	7 44
George C. Craig, for cement, dynamite, etc.	28 90
George W. Rowen, labor	29 82
W. R. Jackson, labor	25 13
James Perreault, labor	88.
Jesse B. Reed, labor	88
Leon H. Merrill, labor	3 50
Henry M. Merrill, labor	80 33
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	\$721 14

\$27 of the above amount was expended by H. H. Ashley on the State road at Cheever.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. MERRILL.

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Receipts.

Cash on hand, February 15, 1915	\$3 29
For cement sold	60
From Selectmen	1,181 08
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	\$1,184 97

Expenditures.

Paid

W. P. McKee, labor	8 50
A. H. Schoolcraft, labor	4 92
George W. Rowen, labor	19 09
A. W. Ashley, labor	16 32
Frank W. Burnham, labor	5 00
Hazen H. Clough, labor	9 00
George N. Burnham, labor	13 60
Russell C. Noyes, labor	18 24
F. Blain, labor	21 95
A. J. Dow, sharpening drills	95
Burt Bros., bridge plank	5 31
O. E. Decato, labor	4 03
Herbert H. Ashley, labor	26 10
F. Blain, labor	1 25
I. D. Walker, labor	88
Frank G. Clough, labor	2 50
Henry M. Merrill, labor	88
Osmon L. Smith, labor	2 63
George W. Rowen, labor	4 30
Russell Noyes, labor	8 27
George N. Burnham, labor	25 20

Herbert H. Ashley, labor	16 23
William R. Jackson, labor	12 25
Leon H. Merrill, labor	1 47
Isaac D. Walker, labor	17 85
W. P. McKee, labor	16 00
A. T. O'Brien, labor	7 88
John Hanley, labor	8 63
Percy Ashley, labor	1 75
O. E. Schoolcraft, labor	2 63
Herbert H. Ashley, labor	32 18
William R. Jackson, labor	1 75
C. Carter, labor	2 18
Jesse B. Reed, labor	4 38
Mrs. C. O. Tilton, labor	88
W. A. Motts, labor	7 00
William Jackson, labor	7 00
Herbert H. Ashley, labor	20 00
John S. Motts, labor	3 50
Henry M. Merrill, labor	21 42
Arthur Ashley, labor	1 05
W. A. Motts, labor	1 75
Isaac D. Walker, labor	2 75
A. M. Freeman, fuse	50
Thomas Johnston, 2nd, blacksmith work	2 50
Custer Quinby, labor	7 00
Ernest Hanley, labor	20
Charlie Ashley, labor	1 00
Arthur Ashley, labor	1 00
Herbert H. Ashley, labor	15 00
Thomas Johnston, dynamite	1 00
Herbert H. Ashley, labor and supplies	15 16
A. T. O'Brien, labor	7 13
Fay C. Bean, labor	10 73
Hazen H. Clough, labor	8 00
Frank W. Burnham, labor	5 07
Allen H. Schoolcraft, labor	1 75
Burt Bros., bridge plank	36 66
Herbert H. Ashley, labor	5 96
Wilfred Blain, labor	4 08
A. H. Schoolcraft, labor	7 45
Dana Tibbetts, labor	3 50
Prescott C. Allen, bridge stringers	1 84

Arthur Ashley, labor	4 00
Charlie Ashley, labor	1 00
H. H. Noyes, labor	15 75
Allen H. Schoolcraft, labor	14 44
Joseph LeBrun, labor	16 80
Herbert H. Ashley, labor	26 81
A. W. Ashley, labor	10 97
John Hanley, labor	7 87
Wilfred Blain, labor	1 75
Leon H. Merrill, labor	4 81
Azro H. Schoolcraft, labor	5 25
Henry M. Merrill, labor	11 02
Henry M. Merrill, labor	1 50
John G. Colburn, labor	1 75
William R. Jackson, labor	1 75
Albert F. Bickford, labor	1 75
A. C. Blain, labor	3 50
A. T. O'Brien, labor	88
Isaac D. Walker, labor	88
H. A. Little, bridge plank	28 00
Jesse B. Reed, labor	7 00
C. L. Dupreis, labor	2 00
Joseph LeBrun, labor	52
George N. Burnham, labor	7 00
C. E. LeBrun, labor	2 75
Percy Ashley, labor	2 63
Charles C. Hazen, labor	70
Arthur Ashley, labor	50
Hubert Walker, labor	1 75
George W. Rowen, labor	3 67
Arthur Bickford, labor	88
A. T. O'Brien, labor	88
Herbert H. Ashley, labor	12 72
John Motts, labor	2 75
William R. Jackson, labor	4 70
Henry M. Merrill, labor	3 75
Leon H. Merrill, labor	3 50
James Perreault, labor	3 50
Jesse B. Reed, labor	5 25
Hubert Walker, labor	4 38
George Ashley, labor	3 50

Burt Bros., labor	40
Herbert H. Ashley, labor	28 85
George N. Burnham, labor	7 50
H. G. Hall, labor	2 00
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Cash on hand	\$798 54
Paid on Schoolcraft Bridge	101 90
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Total	\$1,184 97

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT H. ASHLEY,

Road Agent.

Concord, N. H. February 8, 1915.

To the Selectmen:

We suggest that you cause the following extract from the report of the Tax Commission for 1914 to be printed in your town report this spring. It may tend to economy in town appropriations.

Very truly

STATE TAX COMMISSION,

By W. B. Fellows, Secretary.

REPORT STATE TAX COMMISSION 1914.

Increase in Public Expenditures.

No power has constituted the members of the tax commission guardians of the public in respect to expenditures for the support of government, and they have no disposition to assume that role. Nevertheless, "economy being a most essential virtue in all states," and it being "the duty of legislatures and magistrates * * * to countenance and inculcate the principles of * * * economy," all as set forth in the constitution of this state, the commissioners believe themselves to be amply justified in urging, as they have so often urged before, the importance of this subject upon the voters of the state. The public revenue, state and municipal, is the voters' business and they are responsible, directly or indirectly, for every extravagance affecting it from the inception to the termination of the fund.

Every compulsory contribution levied by public authority upon people or property is in the broad sense of the term a tax, nor is it made less obnoxious or burdensome if called a fee or a fine. In the figures that follow therefore, all fees, fines, and other exactions, if any, are included with the taxes upon polls and estates. To illustrate the comparative importance of the two classes, it may be said that the taxes upon polls and estates represent about 95 per cent. and all other income about 5 per cent. of the total revenue of the state, and of the counties, cities, towns, districts and precincts therein.

Taxes as defined above have increased by leaps and bounds in recent years. In 1903 the sum of all the taxes

assessed by and within the state of New Hampshire was \$5,373,420.22; in 1913 it was \$8,765,039.07, an increase of \$3,391,618.85, or 63 per cent., in ten years. But these figures do not adequately represent the velocity the upward movement has now attained. To show that it is necessary to divide the ten-year period: The levy in 1908 was \$924,388.79, or 17 per cent greater than in 1903, while that in 1913 was \$2,467,230.06, or 39 per cent greater than in 1908. By so much did the advance in the last half of said period exceed that in the first half. These figures will be the more alarming if it is remembered that while taxes already sufficiently heavy were advancing 63 per cent, the population of the state increased only about 4½ per cent, and while the one was advancing 39 per cent, the other increased only about 2¼ per cent.

It is instructive to study the subject from another angle. In the ten years from 1904 to 1914, both inclusive, the annual increase in all taxes defined and limited as above was as follows:

1904	\$ 34,459 91
.. 1905	286,590 14
1906	115,468 39
1907	411,257 46
1908	76,612 89
1909	539,995 97
1910	787,565 31
1911	215,848 50
1912	296,216 85
1913	627,603 43

The average yearly increase for the whole period was \$336,561.85. The upward trend is more plainly shown, however, by dividing, as before, the ten-year period in the middle and considering the halves separately. For the first five years the average annual increase was \$184,877.76; for the last five years it was \$493,446.01. It is surely pertinent to consider how long the little state of New Hampshire, almost stationary in wealth, can sustain a tax already burdensome and increasing at the rate of practically half a million dollars a year without crippling her industries and impoverishing her people. Plainly it is a condition not calculated to attract capital from without the state or to encourage business within the same.

From the per capita standpoint the situation is not less disturbing. In 1903 there were assessed \$12.88 in taxes for each man woman and child in the state. Five years later there were assessed \$14.75 for each individual, and in five years more \$20.09. If in 1913 taxes had been equally distributed among all the people it would have meant a burden of \$100 for each family of five members. Though in reality there was little such equality in the assessment there was much in the payment. The fact is that those who occupy, use or consume property, no matter who owns it, are those who in the last analysis pay most, if not all, of the taxes thereon. If the wage earner or the man of limited means understood he was in reality paying something like \$100 a year in state and municipal and half as much more in federal taxes for the government of himself, his wife and three children his influence and his vote would more frequently make for economy in appropriations and expenditures than heretofore.

No statistics for the year 1914 appear in the above paragraphs for the reason that they are not yet at hand except in part.

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts.

Cash on hand, February 15, 1914	\$501 33
Received from town treasurer	1,167 50
Received from State proportion school fund	334 55
Received from Selectmen, dog license	60 00
Received from Town of Groton, tuition	41 40
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	\$2,104 78

Expenditures.

Paid by order of School board	
Percy Ashley, sawing wood and putting same in shed	\$2 00
Plymouth School District, tuition, Mary and Nellie Ashley, Allen Schoolcraft	60 00
Joseph Goodfellow, wood for River Road School and cutting same	11 00
H. M. Merrill, sawing wood	50
American Book Co., school books	17 28
E. E. Babb & Co., school supplies	43 65
N. H. L. I., tuition, Ruth E. Hanley	13 33
Pinkerton Academy, Blanch V. Merrill	12 00
Mrs. F. W. Burnham, teaching two weeks	20 00
George N. Burnham, wood for North school	13 00
A. M. Rand, water tanks	6 60
E. E. Babb & Co., record book for clerk	26
Dorothy Outwater, teaching spring term	50 00
Mildred Edgerly, teaching spring term	55 00
Leslie Rowe, teaching spring term	50 00
Mrs. F. W. Burnham, teaching spring term	80 00
Lydia M. Schoolcraft, boarding teacher	25 00
Mrs. George W. Rowen, boarding teacher	25 00
Mrs. E. M. Noyes, boarding teacher	25 00
Miss J. E. Noyes, carrying scholars	40 00
Sydney Merrill, building fires	1 00
Marie Clough, building fires	1 00

Isaac D. Walker, work on school house	4 00
H. H. Noyes, services as member of school board	5 00
Alyson Goss, building fires	1 00
Pinkerton Academy, tuition Blanch Merrill	11 00
James Carter, building fires	1 00
Miss J. E. Noyes, carrying scholars fall term	25 00
Miss Dorothy Barrus, teaching	15 00
Mildred P. Edgerly, teaching	10 00
Henry M. Merrill, cleaning vault	1 00
New Hampton School tuition, Gertrude Ashley, Ruth Hanley and Blanch Merrill	39 99
E. E. Babb & Co., school books	4 97
F. Blain, wood and drawing	4 00
H. H. Chamberlain, drawing wood	1 20
William C. Young, teaching 12 weeks	72 00
Mrs. LeBrun, boarding teacher	36 00
Mildred P. Edgerly, bal. teaching fall term	50 50
Mrs. George W. Rowen, boarding teacher	33 00
Myrtle Donaldson, teaching fall term	55 00
Mrs. Noyes, boarding teacher fall term	33 00
Jessie Noyes, bal. carrying scholars fall term	19 00
Dorothy P. Barrus, bal. teaching fall term and board	64 00
Marie Clough, building fires fall term	1 00
Mrs. G. N. Burnham, boarding teacher fall term	9 00
Sydney Merrill, building fires	1 00
Charlie Ashley, building fires	1 00
H. A. Gilman, shingles and nails	7 38
H. A. Little, lumber	2 46
Leander Rameor, labor, Poplar Knoll school house	12 48
H. H. Noyes, labor Poplar Knoll school house	12 11
I. D. Walker, labor on Poplar Knoll school house	9 00
Albert M. Rand, sheet iron for school stoves	1 05
Burt Bros., lumber for Poplar Knoll school house	17 58
John S. Motts, wood	10 80
John S. Motts, wood	2 20
A. T. O'Brien, sawing and splitting wood	4 90
Burt Bros., two loads slabs	2 50
Frank Burt, wood for North school	2 95
Joseph Fountain, 3-4 cord wood	1 87
William C. Young, teaching winter term	48 00
Mildred P. Edgerly, teaching winter term	49 50
Dorothy Barrus, teaching winter term	40 00

Myrtle Donaldson, teaching winter term	40 00
Mrs. C. E. LeBrun, boarding teacher	24 00
James Carter, building fires	1 00
Mrs. H. H. Noyes, boarding teacher	24 00
Mrs. G. N. Burnham, boarding teacher	24 00
Miss J. E. Noyes, carrying scholars	32 00
Mrs. I. D. Walker, carrying scholars	5 00
Sydney Merrill, building fires	1 00
Marie Clough, building fires	1 00
E. E. Babb & Co., supplies	87
Plymouth High School District tuition, Bert Ashley, Nellie Ashley, John Taylor, Frank Hanley	80 00
Hazen H. Clough, treasurer school district	5 50
H. H. Noyes, member school board	11 50
Ernest Hanley, building fires	1 00
I. D. Walker, member school board	16 20
H. H. Ashley, sundries for schools for year	10 51
H. H. Ashley, services as member of school board	21 00
James Carter, building fires fall term	1 00
Lebanon High School tuition, Ruth Colburn	16 00
N. H. L. I. tuition, Ruth Hanley and Blanch Merrill	26 68
Lewis Martin, sawing wood	1 00
Charles Ashley, building fires	1 00
Arthur Bickford, drawing wood	3 00
Herbert Walker, sawing wood	2 10
C. E. Hazen, district clerk	1 00
Frank Reed, sawing wood	1 50
Caryle Carter, glass and setting	35
George N. Burnham, wood for North school	6 00
School District of Canaan tuition, Arthur Colburn	8 75
A. M. Freeman, hardware for Poplar Knoll school	1 55
A. H. Schoolcraft, truant officer	5 00
John Hanley, fixing fence	51
Mrs. George W. Rowen, boarding teacher	27 00
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	\$1,675 08
Cash on hand	429 70
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	\$2,104 78

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEN H. CLOUGH,

Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing accounts of Hazen H. Clough, treasurer of the school district, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK A. BURT,

CHARLES E. HAZEN,

Auditors.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Dorchester: In compliance with an Act of the Legislature, passed June Session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual report," I hereby submit the following:

BIRTHS.

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of the Child (if any)		Sex and Condition		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
		Male	Female	No. of Child Living or Stillborn	1st, 2d, etc. Color							
Jan. 15	Dorchester	—Holmes	—	M	5	Fred E. Holmes	E. M. Holmes	White	Dorchester	Engineer	Portsmouth	Portsmouth
Mar. 3	Dorchester	—Burnham	—	M	1	Frank W. Burnham	Bertha M. Tilton	White	Dorchester	Farmer	Dorchester	Alexandria
June 1	Dorchester	Eva Bell	Bertha Smith	F	3	Osmun L. Smith	Bertha Miller	White	Dorchester	Linnman	Springfield, Mass.	Russia
July 22	Dorchester	Margaret Ethel	O'Brien	F	3	Alexander T. O'Brien	Hattie Gafes	White	Dorchester	Farmer	Amherst, N. S.	North Redding, Ms
Oct. 28	Dorchester	—Burt	—	M	3	Alden Burt	Flora B. Hall	White	Dorchester	Lumber Mfg.	North Port, L. I.	Groton
Dec. 21	Dorchester	Maurice Fay	Bean	M	1	Fay C. Bean	Bessie A. Burnham	White	Dorchester	Farmer	Orford	Dorchester

DEATHS.

Date of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex, Condition			Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Cause of Death
		Years	Months	Days		Male	Female	Color		Single	Married				Widowed	Father	Mother
Jan. 15	Alfred Fortier	1	8	Brentwood	M	..	..	..	Farmer	Canada	Hillsboro	Frank Fortier	Margaret Murray	Whooping Cough
Feb. 9	Silas F. Reed	58	5	12 Dorchester	..	..	..	..	Housewife	Dorchester	Groton	Jesse Reed	Laura Butterfield	Acute Diarrhoea
Mar. 3	Helen W. Merrill	31	7	22 Grantham	..	F	M	..	..	Dorchester	New London	George W. Dunbar	Aurora Tilton	Pneumonia
Apr. 22	Lydia A. Whiteher	52	6	Groton	..	..	M	..	Housewife	Dorchester	Alexandria	Frank W. Burnham	Bertha M. Tilton	Stillborn
June 10	Mary V. Clough	52	4	16 Groton	..	..	M	..	..	Groton	Dorchester	George Wiloughby	Jane Colburn	Diabetes
July 1	Ella Holmes	36	2	7 Portsmouth	..	..	M	..	..	Portsmouth	Portsmouth	Charles Stover	Nellie Spilney	Pernicious Anaemia
Sept. 21	Thomas Johnston	72	3	England	..	..	M	..	Farmer	Portsmouth	Portsmouth	Thomas Johnston	Sollie Spilney	Arterio Sclerosis

* Dorchester. † Hanover.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HENRY M. MEKERRILL, Town Clerk.

